

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which:

 X is attached hereto.
 was filed on as United States Patent Application Number and was amended on (if applicable).
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any corresponding foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any corresponding PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Number	Country	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Priority Claimed (Yes or No)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(c) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

United States Provisional Application(s)

Application Number	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
60/212,031	June 16, 2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States, listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

United States Application(s) Upon Which Priority is Claimed

Application Number	Filing Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Status (abandoned, pending, patent number)

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